

NAVAL BATTLE
AT LONG RANGE
IN BLACK SEA

The Turks Claim That Shots from Their Warship Sultan Selim Struck Russian Battleship Empress Maria While the Russians Failed to Land Shots

BRITISH RELIEF ARMY
OFTIMES REPULSED

The Turkish War Office Says That General Townsend's Troops Have Made Several Sorties from Kut-El-Amara, but Each Time Were Driven Back

British forces under General Townsend have made several sorties from Kut-El-Amara on the Tigris, each time being repulsed with losses, according to the Turkish war office. The official statement makes definite assertion that this force is surrounded.

A long-range naval battle in the Black sea between the Turkish warship, Sultan Selim, formerly the German cruiser Goeben, and the Russian battleship Empress Maria is reported by Constantinople. The Empress Maria was hit by the Turkish vessel's fire but the Sultan Selim was not damaged, it is claimed.

Constantinople claims that considerable losses were sustained by the entente forces in the evacuation of the tip of the Gallipoli peninsula. Parties of the retreating troops who refused to surrender and fled toward the landing places were wiped out, the Turkish statement asserts.

The German offensive in Champagne on Sunday was preceded by 24 hours' bombardment, one of the heaviest the Germans have yet developed against the French line, a Paris dispatch states. Prompt counter attacks gave the Germans no time to organize the positions they had carried and negated their efforts, the dispatch adds.

AMMUNITION DEPOT
LOST BY GERMANS

Their Depot in Southern Section of Lille Was Blown Up With Loss of 70 Lives and Injury to 40 People.

Berlin, via London, Jan. 12.—An ammunition depot in the southern section of Lille in northern France has been blown up. The official announcement says that 70 were killed and 40 injured. There was considerable property damage.

The war office also announced the failure of a French attack on German positions north of LeMesnil in Champagne along a front of 1,000 yards.

BURGER WOMAN
TELLS OF SHOOTING

She and Dr. Mohr Were Riding to Newport When Auto Stopped and After the Chauffeur Got Out She Heard a Shot.

Providence, R. I., Jan. 12.—Miss Emily G. Burger, secretary to Dr. C. Franklin Mohr, and jealousy of whom the state alleges was a contributing motive for his murder at the instigation of his wife, was the principal witness for the prosecution today. It was the first time Miss Burger, who was with the physician on the night of the shooting and who herself was herself injured, has told her version of the affair, and Mrs. Mohr and the two negroes, codefendants, listened attentively.

Miss Burger said she was in the rear seat of the automobile on the night of Aug. 31 on the way to Newport, and when at a dark spot in Barrington the machine, she said, suddenly stopped. George Heals, the negro chauffeur, who has turned state's evidence, got out of the machine, remarking something about motor trouble. A moment later a shot rang out and she realized that she had been shot. The doctor's body fell over against her and she heard Heals' "Oh, my God."

Miss Burger admitted she was a close friend of Dr. Mohr and that he had visited her home almost every day for five years preceding his death.

KONIG SURRENDERS.

To Answer to Charge of Implication in Theft of Papers.

New York, Jan. 12.—Paul Konig, head of the Hamburg-American line detective bureau, surrendered late yesterday to District Attorney Swann to answer to a warrant charging him with being implicated in the theft of papers from the National City bank.

Konig was arraigned in the Tombs court and held in \$1,500 bail on a federal charge of conspiring to blow up the Welland canal.

Konig's arrest by the state authorities follows that of Frederick Schindler, a clerk in the bank, who is accused of having abstracted telegrams and other papers relating to the supplying of munitions to the allies.

PROGRESSIVES WILL
MEET CONCURRENTLY
WITH REPUBLICANS

Convention Will Be Held at Chicago on June 7 in the Hope That the Two Parties May Agree Upon a Candidate for President.

Chicago, Jan. 12.—The Progressive party will hold its national convention June 7 in Chicago, concurrently with the convention of the Republican party in the hope that both may agree upon the same candidate for president. This action was decided upon yesterday.

Forty-seven of the 48 states were represented at the meeting. Before adjournment the committee adopted a declaration of principles in which the administration of President Wilson was criticized for its alleged failure to deal adequately with national honor and industrial welfare, and the Progressive party went on record as favoring a complete preparedness program, consisting of military armament as well as a mobilization of all the country's resources with a view of the unification of American citizenship.

A message was read from Theodore Roosevelt urging the necessity for adequate preparedness, which was enthusiastically applauded. Progressive leaders declared that there would be no amalgamation with the Republican party, even in the event of both parties choosing the same presidential candidate. The Progressive party plans to nominate a national ticket at its convention in June.

Many of the party leaders declared that if the Republicans will nominate Roosevelt, or any other man who is regarded as unobjectionable and will incorporate in their platform the salient features of the Progressive principles, both parties will unite on the same candidate in Chicago next June.

VT. POSTMASTER
TO FACE CHARGE

Charles Porter, Who Disappeared from Guildhall, Is Brought Back and Will Be Formally Accused of Embezzlement.

Rutland, Jan. 12.—Charles Porter, postmaster at Guildhall in Essex county, was turned over by United States Marshal T. C. Smith and Thomas E. Gibbons of Chicago yesterday and he will be arraigned before J. A. Merrill on a charge of embezzlement. He was lodged in the house of correction for the night.

Mr. Porter, who is about 30 years old, was arrested in Rockford, Ill., and he is charged with embezzlement of funds from the government while acting as postmaster. It is understood that after receiving a letter from his wife, Porter felt repentant and notified the government officers of his desire to give himself up.

VERMONT'S DAIRY NEEDS
Are Being Considered at 46th Annual Convention in Burlington.

Burlington, Jan. 12.—An informal reception was tendered last evening by the officers to the members of the Vermont Dairyman's association, which is holding its 46th annual convention in armory hall. The reception was held in the Hotel Vermont roof garden.

Features of the afternoon meeting were the annual message of the president, reports of officers, and papers by Professor Bardelee of the university extension service and Professor George E. Story of the University of Vermont on "Vermont as a Livestock State."

Speakers at the annual banquet to be held at the Van Ness house Thursday evening will include Governor Charles W. Gates, Joe Mitchell Chapple, President Thomas of Middlebury college and Bob Seeds, Mr. Seeds comes from Pennsylvania and has a reputation as a humorist.

The report of the treasurer to-day showed \$1,316 on hand and over 700 members. There are ninety exhibitors of butter and the score is unusually high.

CONFERENCE ON CHARITY.

First To Be Held in Vermont Is Meeting in Burlington.

Burlington, Jan. 12.—The opening session of the Vermont Conference of Charities and Correction, the first meeting of its kind to be held in Vermont, opened yesterday afternoon at the Hotel Vermont with an attendance of representative citizens from all parts of the state. Mayor Drew welcomed the delegates and Governor Charles W. Gates and President Guy Potter Benton of the University of Vermont extended greetings.

A discussion of the scope and value of a state conference along the lines proposed was led by Dr. Fred S. Knight, superintendent of the Little Wanderers' home in Boston. Dr. H. Hastings Bart of the Russell Sage Foundation spoke on "Child Saving," and General Lee S. Tillotson discussed the probation system. J. E. Weeks of Middlebury, chairman of the panel board, spoke on the institution under the supervision of his board.

TALK OF THE TOWN

Mrs. George Robertson of Summer street was removed to the City hospital last evening in A. W. Badger & company's ambulance.

The civic department of the woman's club will hold a mid-winter rummage sale in the emergency room, city hall, Saturday afternoon, Jan. 15, from 2 to 5 o'clock. Good values in men's overcoats and women's outside garments.

Contributions asked for and may be left at Mrs. Shepard's store or at the emergency room after 1 p. m. Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Normandeau of Merchant street were given an agreeable surprise last evening by about thirty of their friends, the occasion being Mr. and Mrs. Normandeau's twelfth anniversary. The evening was spent with music and a general social time and a lunch was served. John Nelson, Jr., in behalf of the friends, presented the Normandeaus with a chair. Mr. Normandeau responded in words which left no doubt of his gratitude in the minds of his guests. The party broke up at a late hour, the guests wishing their host and hostess many more happy anniversaries.

U.S. DEMANDS
MURDERERS'
PUNISHMENT

Secretary Lansing Makes a Formal Demand on Carranza to Act in the Case of the Slaughter of 17 Americans in Chihuahua Monday Night

WILSON IS CONCERNED
OVER TURN OF AFFAIR

It Is Feared That the Outbreak Will Furnish Occasion of a New Attack on the Administration's Policy in Recognizing Carranza Government

Washington, D. C., Jan. 12.—Secretary of State Lansing to-day telegraphed General Carranza calling for prompt punishment of the bandits who executed seventeen Americans near Chihuahua Monday. Through Eliseo Arredondo, the newly appointed Mexican ambassador, it was arranged to bring the bodies from Chihuahua to Juarez to-day by special train. Official dispatches from Chihuahua to the state department to-day said that the bodies arrived in that city last night.

At the White House and at the state department there was unceasing anxiety over the situation and concern that the latest outbreak in Mexico might be made the vehicle for further attacks by the opposition in Congress upon the administration's foreign policy and its recognition of General Carranza.

Secretary Lansing's only announcement was that the United States would look to General Carranza for satisfaction. The question of what steps the United States will take depends upon the development of the facts. It was pointed out that the Americans had been warned since the United States decided to recognize Carranza to leave the states of Sonora and Chihuahua, then regarded as Villa strongholds, but in spite of the warnings more than 600 Americans still remain in the district.

Conditional Intervention Proposed in Senate.

As soon as the Senate assembled, Senator Sherman, Republican, introduced a resolution proposing intervention in Mexico by the United States and the six Pan-American nations which have acted with it in Mexican affairs, unless General Carranza complies with the demand to protect foreign lives and property.

El Paso, Tex., Jan. 12.—Seventeen persons, all believed to have been Americans, were killed by Mexican bandits Monday after being taken from a Mexican-Northern train 30 miles west of Chihuahua City, robbed and stripped of their clothing, according to a message received here last night by H. C. Myles, British vice consul here, from British Consul Sovell at Chihuahua City.

The train on which the Americans were traveling from Chihuahua City to Cusihuiriachi, Chihuahua, carried thousands of dollars in currency and a large quantity of supplies sent by the American Smelting and Refining company to its mines in Cusihuiriachi.

It is believed here that all of the 18 American mining men known to have been in Chihuahua City were on board the looted train.

Thomas M. Holmes, the only known survivor, stated, however, in his brief telegram giving the first news of the raid, that he counted only 16 Americans taken from the train.

A message received late yesterday by officials of the Mexican Northwestern railroad from officials at Chihuahua City concludes:

"Holmes watched his companions being stripped by bandits. They then ordered them to march toward the west. Holmes escaped in the darkness."

"In a few minutes he heard shrieks immediately followed by a fusillade of shots from the direction taken by the Americans and their captors."

It was said at the Mexican consulate last night that no report of the killing had been communicated to General Carranza because it would be "useless."

A verified list of American mining men in Chihuahua was prepared here from records of Mexican passports issued. This list contained 18 names and as the message placed the number taken from the train as 17 it is presumed one remained in Chihuahua. The list follows:

C. R. Watson, manager and large stockholder in the smelting company, and W. J. Wallace, T. H. Evans, W. H. Rogers, Maurice Anderson, R. P. McHatten, A. Couch, E. J. Robinson, G. W. Newman, Thomas H. Holmes and Blomh, all of El Paso; W. A. Pringle, San Francisco; Alex Hall, Douglas, Arizona; Charles Wadleigh, Jack Jase, R. H. Simmons, J. Adams and J. Jones.

NEW DIRECTORS CHOSEN

For St. Johnsbury Bank Includes Name of H. W. Varsum.

St. Johnsbury, Jan. 12.—Three new directors, F. G. Landry of St. Johnsbury, H. W. Varsum of Barre and R. W. Denmore of West Burke, were elected yesterday at the annual meeting of the Citizens' Savings Bank and Trust Co. The first National bank elected a new director, Z. S. Waterman, yesterday and John C. Clark was chosen president to succeed A. H. McLeod who retired after 21 years as president and 36 as director. He was presented with a gold-headed cane. T. N. Vail was re-elected head of the board of directors of the Lyndonville National bank.

APPRAISING BANK STOCK.

To Secure Uniformity Throughout State for Taxation Purposes.

State Treasurer Walter F. Scott, Bank Commissioner Frank C. Williams and Commissioner of Taxes Charles A. Plumley were at the State House to-day, acting in their capacity as appraisers of bank stock, ex-officio, pursuant to the provisions of No. 31 of the acts of 1915, which constitutes them a board of appraisers, whose duty it shall be in the month of January, in each year, to appraise at a fair and just value the capital stock of all the banks in the state of Vermont which are required to make reports to the commissioner of taxation.

Section two of the above-mentioned act provides that this board shall first determine the total true cash value of all such shares of stock in said several corporations, but if any such corporation owns and pays taxes upon real estate, the assessed value of the same shall be deducted from the total value of such shares, and the remainder of such total value, divided by the total number of shares, shall be taken as the valuation for taxation purposes of each of such shares.

The act then goes on to provide for an appeal on the part of the banks if they are dissatisfied with the appraisal as made, to the board of appeals which hears appeals in the case of railroad and telephone appraisals.

The act also provides that when the appraisal is finally settled and established, the commissioner of taxes shall make the value placed on each share of stock in the several banks of the state.

Everyone who has anything to do with tax matters or who heard the discussion in the legislature when this law was pending realizes that one of the great inequalities in taxation arises from the lack of uniformity in the appraisal of shares of bank stock in the different towns throughout the state.

Instead of having the lists in every town in the state appraise this bank stock and, as a result, having almost as many different valuations as there are boards of listers, the board appraisal by this act will make the appraisal and certify the same to the listers, and the result will be a uniform valuation, and therefore taxation on a uniform basis on the same stock throughout the state. In making their valuation, the board of appraisers is governed and controlled by substantially the same law as that under which listers in the several towns have acted heretofore.

SAME BEARERS FOR BOTH.

Murdered Woman and Her Slayer Were Buried Yesterday Afternoon.

From the mortuary chapel of the Perry & Noonan undertaking establishment on Depot square yesterday afternoon the remains of a man and a woman, the one a murderer-suicide and the other the victim of his jealousy, were removed to their last resting place. Bearers for both funerals were the same and only a knot of people gathered to participate in the obsequies. The body of Mrs. Luigi Lungo, who was shot by her husband, 16 Third street, Friday evening by Antonio Caffi, was taken at 2 o'clock to St. Monica's church, where Rev. Fr. P. M. McKenna officiated at the services. The bearers were G. Danzmann, R. Paneri, G. Albano and G. Longo. A few women acquaintances of Mrs. Lungo's nationality followed the remains to the church, but the bearers formed the only escort when the body was taken to the Catholic cemetery on Beckley street and there interred in a small grave.

If close friends of the murdered woman restrained their grief at her funeral, the manifestations of sorrow were even less noticeable an hour later when a brief service at the mortuary preceded the removal of Caffi's body to Hope cemetery. A short time before a number of people called at the chapel to view the remains, but the bearers, Danzmann, Paneri, Albano and Longo, were the only ones to accompany the body to the grave.

FUNERAL OF MRS. CLARA M. PAPE

Was Held from Her Late Home on Merchant Street Tuesday Afternoon.

Funeral services for Mrs. Clara M. Pape, wife of the late Leonard W. Pape, who passed away at her late home, 66 Merchant street, Saturday evening after a long illness, were held at the house on Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Rev. J. W. Barnett, pastor of the Barre Congregational church, where Mrs. Pape was an attendant, was the officiating clergyman. During the services Mrs. Gladys Bradley and Miss Glee Wood sang, "Crossing the Bar." The bearers were: Arthur E. Campbell, Herman N. Campbell, Joseph Hoyt, James P. Higgins, Charles A. Spear and J. Gould Moore. Interment was made in the family lot in Hope cemetery.

HELD AT ST. MONICA'S.

Funeral of Charles Matott, Who Died Saturday.

The funeral of Charles Matott, a long-time employee of the city street department, whose death at his home, 112 Brooklyn street, Saturday afternoon followed a two weeks' illness of pneumonia, was held at St. Monica's church this morning at 9 o'clock, the pastor, Rev. P. M. McKenna, officiating. The bearers were four brothers of the deceased, Henry, Chauncy and Benjamin Matott of Chazy, N. Y., and Joseph Matott of Champlain, N. Y. Among those in attendance were a number of relatives from northern New York. Interment is to be made in the Catholic cemetery on Beckley street.

ALL RE-ELECTED

At Annual Meeting of Montpelier National Bank.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Montpelier National bank this morning the following directors were re-elected: Albert Tuttle, James W. Brock, Arthur D. Farwell, Fred Blanchard and Marlin W. Kemp. At the same meeting the following officers were elected: President, Mr. Brock; vice-president, Levi H. Dixie, cashier and H. L. Farwell assistant cashier.

STORM RAGES
IN WEST AND
FLOOD, SOUTH

Chicago Was Struck by a Snow and Sleet Downpour Which Caused Death and Injury, Besides Hampering Street Car Traffic and Wire Communication

WESTON, W. VA., SWEEPED
BY A GREAT FLOOD

Principal Street Six Feet Deep and Water Still Rising—One Person Drowned and Scores of Families Were Driven from Their Homes

Weston, W. Va., Jan. 12.—Flood waters from the west fork of the Monongahela river covered the principal street of the city six feet deep to-day and they are still rising. One person is known to have drowned and scores of families have been driven from their homes. Street car lines and steam railroads have suspended traffic and the electric light plant and water works are out of commission. The river began rising late yesterday after a long rainfall.

Chicago, Jan. 12.—One is dead and a dozen or more minor accidents are reported as the result of a snow and sleet storm, which struck Chicago last night and continued to-day. August Schultz, an ice man, slipped while carrying a big cake and fell with the ice on top of him. The other accidents also were due chiefly to the slippery sleet-crusted sidewalks. Surface and elevated traffic and wire communication were seriously hampered.

CASE STRICKEN OFF.

That of Quarry Savings Bank vs. Prindle and Kendrick.

The case of Quarry Savings Bank & Trust company vs. Prindle and Kendrick, general assumpsit, has been stricken off the docket in Washington county court by an entry of discontinuance without costs. The case carried with it the suggestion of bankruptcy, and the defendants were long ago adjudged bankrupt. Yesterday afternoon Judge Waterman overruled motions made by the defendant in the case of Edward H. Davitt vs. Frank M. Corry to dismiss the case and to revoke the reference of the account. The defendant, through his attorney, Harry C. Shurtliff, has filed exceptions to the ruling.

To-day the Canning divorce suit was resumed, and the two witnesses examined were Mr. Flanagan, formerly in the employ of James Ryle, who testified yesterday, and Julian O. Goodrich, a civil engineer of Newport. The latter was the first witness called by the defense.

DARLING AGAIN PRESIDENT.

Was Chosen to Head the American Fidelity Co.

The following directors were re-elected yesterday afternoon at the annual meeting of the American Fidelity company held in the company's office in Montpelier: Charles H. Darling, Burlington, C. J. Gleason and Cecil Platt, New York, L. D. Taft, B. B. Bailey, George L. Blanchard, Henry L. Farwell and Ralph B. Denny, Montpelier. The directors re-elected these officers: President, Charles H. Darling; vice president, B. B. Bailey; secretary, Ralph B. Denny.

The financial statement made public at this meeting showed the capital stock to be \$305,500 surplus, \$127,500; loss reserve, \$213,163.48; reserve, \$172,754.78; reserve for commissions \$24,096.96; reserve for taxes, \$6,420.37; other reserves except capital, \$2,038.15.

BARRE SAVINGS BANK

Elected Directors Yesterday Afternoon—F. G. Howland Again President.

A year of progress along multiple lines was reported at the annual meeting of the Barre Savings Bank & Trust company, held Tuesday afternoon. The stockholders elected the following directors: F. G. Howland, Homer Fitts, E. A. Hugbee, M. E. Howland, C. F. Millar and W. A. Drew. Afterward the directors met and elected the following officers: President, F. G. Howland; vice-president, Homer Fitts; treasurer, W. A. Drew; secretary, Miss Mary J. Wright. All officers were re-elected.

MILES—GARVEY.

Well Known Barre Man Takes Burlington Woman as Bride.

At St. Mary's cathedral in Burlington this morning Miss Elizabeth Garvey of that city and David M. Miles of Barre were married at 7:30 o'clock. Immediate members of the two families were represented at the nuptials, among them being Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Stewart of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Miles left Burlington this forenoon for Los Angeles, Cal., where they intend to pass the winter.

Alfred A. Smith of the Tuck school of administration and finance, Dartmouth college, is to be the speaker at a smoke talk to be given in the rooms of the Vindicator club Thursday evening at 8 o'clock under the auspices of the Barre Board of Trade.

INSTALLATION ENDS IN DANCE.

Red Men and Their "Sisters" Had Enjoyable Occasion.

At the regular meeting of Iroquois tribe, No. 16, I. O. R. M., last evening, the joint raising of chiefs took place. The chiefs of Winnetta council, No. 10, were raised to the respective stations by Deputy Sadie Leonard of Winnetta council, No. 8, of East Barre, assisted by the senior past chief, Mrs. Avery, of East Barre, as follows:

Mary Angus, Pocahontas; Isabella Thompson, Wenonah; Peter Brown, Powhatan; Annabell Cormack, prophetess; Annie Brown, keeper of records, address, 7 Kirk street; Alice Brosett, collector of wampum, address, 1 Smith place; Mary Walker, keeper of wampum; scouts, 1st, Catherine McKerron, 2d, Helen Manson; runners, 1st, Nellie Bianchi, 2d, Jessie Gaudi; councilors, 1st, Margaret Ingram, 2d, Elsie Geale; warriors, 1st, J. Margaret Brown, 2d, Lizzie McDonald, 3d, Helen Black, 4th, Jessie Taylor; braves, 1st, George Brand, 2d, James Rothnie, 3d, Alexander Simpson, 4th, William Pirie; guard of tepees, Isabella Gibson; guard of forest, Annie Greig; trustee for three years, Annabell Cormack.

The chiefs of Winnetta council then vacated their stations for the chiefs of Iroquois tribe, who were duly raised to their respective stations by Deputy Great Sachem P. A. Leonard of Winnetta tribe, No. 19, of East Barre, assisted by Alex. Rose, great prophet, and Dr. E. C. Barrett of Sioux tribe, No. 23, of Montpelier, great sannah.

The following chiefs took the oath of office: George Branw, sachem; Joe Collins, senior sagamore; James McDonald, junior sagamore; Charles H. Scott, prophet; Ira E. Wright, chief of records, address, Box 64, South Barre, phone 38-4; Peter Brown, collector of wampum, address, 7 Kirk street; James Rothnie, keeper of wampum; James Murray, Jr., guard of wigwag; James M. Taylor, guard of forest; sannah, 1st, John Milne, 2d, Guy Ollivani; warriors, 1st, George Fraser, 2d, Alex. Lawson, 3d, Charles Mason, 4th, Alex. Miller; braves, 1st, Joe Fraser, 2d, John Cooper, 3d, James Glass, 4th, John McDonald; trustee for three years, Alex. Ross; medicine man, Dr. J. A. Wark.

Following the raising ceremony, corn and venison were served, and after all had done ample justice, the floor was cleared and dancing was enjoyed by about 30 couples until a late hour. Music was furnished by the Iroquois orchestra.

ODD FELLOW-REBEKAH ASSEMBLY.

Officers of Former Departments Were Installed.

Canton Vinton, No. 9, Patriarchs Militant and Minnehaha encampment, No. 2, met together at Odd Fellows hall last evening for the joint installation of officers elected by the two bodies late in 1915. Ned C. Buck of Randolph, district deputy grand patriarch, with the assistance of F. E. Sawyer of Randolph, district deputy grand junior warden, installed the encampment officers and the officers of Canton Vinton were inducted into office by Alexander Duncan, colonel, who was assisted by D. V. Stone, adjutant general, and Frank W. Jackson, past colonel, as assistant adjutant.

The ceremonies served to assemble a large number of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs. After the installation, the members of Canton Vinton gave an exhibition drill and a drill down. A substantial buffet luncheon was one of the enjoyable features of the evening.

Encampment officers for 1916 are: Chief patriarch, Fred D. Beckley; high priest, Harry W. Clark; senior warden, John S. Howell; scribe, L. C. Beck; treasurer, W. E. Beck; junior warden, Dennis Denmore; guide, Elmer M. Fulson; first watch, C. L. Webster; second watch, Hugh G. Boyce; third watch, O. C. Averill; fourth watch, O. E. Philbrick; inside sentinel, O. C. Averill; outside sentinel, W. J. Loughhead.

Officers installed for Canton Vinton are: Captain, Dennis Denmore; lieutenant, Elmer M. Fulson; ensign, O. C. Averill; clerk, O. E. Philbrick.

CLUB WOMEN ENTERTAINERS

At Concert and Dance in Howland Hall Last Evening.

A large number of people gathered at Howland hall last evening for a concert and dance under the direction of the civic department of the Barre Woman's club. It was "gentlemen's night" as well, and consequently many in addition to the club membership were permitted to participate in an enjoyable occasion.

A concert program of rare excellence was given by three musicians from Burlington, they being Miss Lillian Wagner, violinist; Miss Mary Wagner, flutist, and Miss Hazel Morgan, pianist, while Miss Mary Wagner also contributed two vocal selections in which her contralto voice gave much satisfaction. The instrumental numbers revealed that the young ladies possessed unusual ability, three solo numbers in particular receiving sincere appreciation from the audience. These numbers were Miss Morgan's rendering of the "Lacina Sextette," for the left hand, Miss Wagner's violin numbers, "Air" on G string and "Leitbesel" and Miss Mary Wagner's "Reminiscences of Mendelssohn" as played on the flute.

At the close of the program there was dancing, which continued till midnight, the music being furnished by the boys' orchestra from the high school. Light refreshments were served following the concert.

PEOPLE'S NATIONAL BANK.

Officers Were Re-Elected at the Annual Meeting Yesterday.

Stockholders of the People's National bank elected the following directors at their annual meeting, which was held in the banking parlors in the Worthen block yesterday: C. W. Melcher, C. W. Averill, F. D. Laid, Ira C. Chaff, B. P. Town, W. D. Smith, A. J. Young, F. N. Bralley and W. M. Holden. Afterward the directors met and re-elected the following officers: President, C. W. Melcher; vice president, Fred N. Bralley; cashier, W. C. Johnson, Jr.; assistant cashier, Frank K. Beard; teller, Harvey E. Averill; clerk, Paul Mammale.

All reports indicated that the bank has just emerged from an unusually prosperous year. Gratifying interest in the surplus and the undivided profits were among the items noted.

WANT TO SELL
"TOWN HOUSE"

City Fathers Get Recommendation from Property Committee

BUILDING REPORTED
IN FAIR CONDITION

The City Hall Reported to Be in Good Shape

Two of the numerous annual reports that are to percolate through the strata of official attention before they can be spread before the printer for insertion in the city's year book for 1915 were received here at the regular aldermanic session last night. Members of the property and lighting committees were on the grounds early with their summary of achievements in the year that shuffled into the past a few days since. Reams of data are yet to be scrutinized by the city fathers, and by next week, it is expected, the first big budget will be available for consideration.

Acting under the instructions from the city council, the printing committee reported its conference with N. J. Roberts and recommended that his bid on printing the city report be accepted. The report was accepted and the recommendation ordered carried out. Mr. Roberts' tender, which was the bid received, fixes the price at \$1.35 per page, tabular pages to count as two, with 75 cloth-bound copies at 40 cents each. Material for the printer is to be in his hands by Feb. 1 and most of the reports are to be ready for delivery around Feb. 10.

The clerk presented a resolution authorizing the mayor and finance committee to float a temporary loan in anticipation of monetary needs in the early spring. It was explained that the money will not be needed before the expiration of six weeks or more, but the resolution, offered tentatively, carried with it the suggestion that the council will do well to obtain the loan just now, as the opportunities for floating a short-time note at a comparatively low rate of interest are unusually favorable at this time. The aldermen were in unison in adopting the suggestion and the resolution was passed to a second reading.

Communications relative to the Interstate Realty company's negotiations for a water right in East Barre and the request from a person in ill health for aid in obtaining treatment at the Pittsford sanatorium were received. In the latter instance, the desired aid was advanced.

Alderman Bruce, vice-president of the board, was in the chair in the absence of Alderman Keast, who is in New York. Routine business included the adoption of the building inspector's report for December, a report including many minor permits granted. The wiring inspector reported favorably on the following applications and wiring permits were granted: J. McRae, to wire for lights at 18 Plain street; Barclay Bros., to wire for motors in Hatchelder's store; W. Stacey, to wire for lights at 130 Maple avenue; Granite City Quilting club, to wire for lights near Straton's shed.

From the aldermanic property committee came the following report for 1915: "City hall: The building is in good condition. The lights in the opera house have been changed to a meter separate from the remainder of the building at cost of \$40. There have been few repairs to fixtures and six new chairs were purchased for the booths.

"Old town hall: This property is in fairly good condition. We would recommend that the city sell the property as soon as convenient.

"City farm: There have been a few repairs on the buildings, mostly on the exterior.

"Band stand: This property is in fairly good condition. Merz house: This property has been sold as recommended by past committees. Insurance: All the property, as in the past years, is covered by insurance."

Brevity marked the report of the aldermanic lighting committee for the year. Forty-candlepower lights were installed on Merchant street, Third street, Shurtliff place and Pleasant street. Two 40-candlepower lights were placed on Tremont street. One light was removed from a private driveway and transferred to the corner of